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## **News Release**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

On May 13, 2005, Precinct 4 Bexar County Deputy Constable John Burns , a 1 ½ year veteran, was working in an off-duty capacity and in full Constable uniform for the Quarry Shopping Center, located at Basse Rd. and US 281N. While patrolling on a bicycle, Deputy Burns was notified that a sole suspect was inside a parked Black vehicle and that the suspect was masturbating within the view of citizens walking by the car. Deputy Burns approached the suspect's car from the driver's side and ordered the suspect out, while at the same time opening the driver's door. At that moment, the suspect forcibly closed his car door and caught the deputy's hand within the door frame. The suspect then started his car and began to drag Deputy Burns as he attempted to flee. Fearing for his life, Deputy Burns fired one gunshot from his service weapon, but stuck his own hand, which was still stuck in the car door. Deputy Burns then fired a second shot and was able to strike the suspect. Deputy Burns was then able to free himself and landed on the parking lot. The suspect's car continued moving at a high rate of speed until it collided with several parked cars.

An on-duty SAPD officer was in the Quarry parking lot handling a minor accident when he heard the gunshots and collision. That officer quickly responded to the scene and called for emergency medical attention for both the deputy and suspect. The suspect suffered a gunshot wound to his head and was airlifted to BAMC in critical condition. Deputy Burns suffered a gunshot wound to his hand and other minor cuts and bruises and was transported by EMS. The identity of the suspect is being withheld pending official charges.

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**The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. Deputy Burns' duty status will be determined by the Bexar County Precinct 4 Constable.**

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